

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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Incident Information									
URN: 015 - 00806 - 1731 - 339					Date: 03/01/2015		Time: 1040 hrs		
Location: [REDACTED] Longhill Dr. Rancho Palos Verdes, CA					City or Station:		Lomita Station		
Bureau/Station/Facility:			South Patrol Division/Lomita Station			Admin. Investigation: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO			
Type of Force: Category 3 (Broken Arm)									
Incident Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3					Deputy Injury: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO Suspect Injury: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Call		<input type="checkbox"/> Observation		<input type="checkbox"/> Detail		<input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit		<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit	
IAB Notified: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Person Notified: Lieutenant Flores		Emp: 260229		IAB Roll Out: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			
Involved Employee									
E 1	Employee # [REDACTED]		Last Name: Hoy		First Name: Todd		Middle I.		Rank: B-1
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: W	Height: 602	Weight: 210	Age: [REDACTED]	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM		<input type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input checked="" type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Unit of Assignment: Lomita Station				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 173					
Individual Force Used: Control Hold/Resistive Handcuffing					<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility:								Coroner Case #	
E 2	Employee # [REDACTED]		Last Name: Castro		First Name: Ashly		Middle I. J		Rank: DSG
Sex: <input type="radio"/> M <input checked="" type="radio"/> F		Race: H	Height: 5'5	Weight: 155	Age: [REDACTED]	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Unit of Assignment: Lomita Station				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 171					
Individual Force Used: Resistive Handcuffing					<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility:								Coroner Case #	
E 3	Employee # [REDACTED]		Last Name: [REDACTED]		First Name: [REDACTED]		Middle I. [REDACTED]		Rank: DSG
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: H	Height: 6'0	Weight: 250	Age: [REDACTED]	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Unit of Assignment: Lomita Station				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 172					
Individual Force Used: Control Hold					<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility:								Coroner Case #	
On Duty Supervisor									
Emp # [REDACTED]		Last Name [REDACTED]		First Name [REDACTED]		Middle I. [REDACTED]		Rank: Sgt	Present: YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
								Witness to Incident: YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	
Supervisor Completing Investigation									
Emp # [REDACTED]		Last Name: Barron		First Name: Eric		Middle I. A.		Rank: Sgt.	Present: YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
								Witness to Incident: YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant									
Emp # [REDACTED]		Last Name: Creason		First Name: Paul		Middle I. R		Rank: Sgt	

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy Provided to Employee by: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp #: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Commander (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Commander's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Original: Discovery Unit  
Copy: Unit Commander

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# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation

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Involved Employee												
<b>E</b> 4	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			Middle I.		Rank DSG		
	Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:						
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	Unit of Assignment:				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):							
	Lomita Station				173A							
Individual Force Used:						<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category			
Control Hold									<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3			
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility:										Coroner Case #		
<b>E</b> 5	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			Middle I.		Rank		
	Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:						
	<input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F					<input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM	<input type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty					
	Unit of Assignment:				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):							
Individual Force Used:						<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category			
									<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3			
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility:										Coroner Case #		
<b>E</b> 6	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			Middle I.		Rank		
	Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:						
	<input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F					<input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM	<input type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty					
	Unit of Assignment:				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):							
Individual Force Used:						<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category			
									<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3			
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility:										Coroner Case #		
<b>E</b> 7	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			Middle I.		Rank		
	Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:						
	<input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F					<input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM	<input type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty					
	Unit of Assignment:				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):							
Individual Force Used:						<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility:										Coroner Case #		

# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

## SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information									
Last Name <b>Dejrit</b>		First Name <b>Christopher</b>		Middle Name <b>Edwin</b>		Armed? Select <b>Not Armed</b>			
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name					
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race: <b>M</b>	Age: <b>41</b>	Height: <b>507</b>	Weight: <b>170</b>	D.O.B.: <b>12/25/73</b>	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input checked="" type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C		
Street Address: [REDACTED]				City: [REDACTED]		State & Zip Code: [REDACTED]			
Booking #: <b>4256976</b>		Primary Charge Code: <b>69 PC</b>		Secondary Charge Code: <b>243(b) PC</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Name:		Unit:		Phone #:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At: <b>Torrance Memorial</b>		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
By: <b>Dr. McBride</b>		Address: <b>3330 Lomita Boulevard, Torrance, 90505</b>		Phone #: <b>310-891-6623</b>					
Under Influence: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		Substance: [REDACTED]		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			

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Suspect Interview									
Date: <b>03/01/15</b>		Time: <b>1630</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries:		<input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS			

Suspect Information									
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Armed? Select			
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name					
Sex: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.:	Weight:	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C		
Street Address:				City:		State & Zip Code:			
Booking #:		Primary Charge Code:		Secondary Charge Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		By:		Unit:		Phone #:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
By:		Address:		Phone #:					
Under Influence: <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Substance: [REDACTED]		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			

Suspect Interview									
Date:		Time:		<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries:		<input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS			

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Suspect Information									
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Armed? Select			
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name					
Sex: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.:	Weight:	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C		
Street Address:				City:		State & Zip Code:			
Booking #:		Primary Charge Code:		Secondary Charge Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		By:		Unit:		Phone #:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
By:		Address:		Phone #:					
Under Influence: <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Substance: [REDACTED]		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			

Suspect Interview									
Date:		Time:		<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries:		<input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS			

☐ Additional Suspects Involved

# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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## Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Unit of Assignment: Lomita		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 170S	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty

## Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1 Phone #2
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1 Phone #2
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1 Phone #2
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1 Phone #2
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1 Phone #2
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1 Phone #2
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1 Phone #2

☐ Additional Witness

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## Method

(AW) Arwen	(FH) Firearm (Handgun)	(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(BC) Baton: (Control)	(FR) Firearm (Rifle)	(RS) Resistance
(BI) Baton: (Impact)	(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)	(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(BF) Bodily Fluids	(FO) Firearm (Other)	(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(CN) Canine	(FB) Flashbang	(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(CR) Carotid Restraint	(FL) Flashlight	(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(CH) Choke Hold	(OE) Other Weapon: Edged	(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)	(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle	(SP) Sap
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)	(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object	(SH) Shield
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)	(OO) Other Weapon: Other	(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(CE) Chemical	(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)	(SB) Sting Ball
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)	(ST) Stun Bag
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)	(TR) Taser
(EX) Explosives	(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)	(UC) Uncooperative
		(HR) High Risk

(AB) Abrasion	(DB) Dog Bite	(PA) Paralysis
(BR) Bruise	(FR) Fractures	(PW) Puncture Wound
(BU) Burn	(GS) Gunshot	(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(CP) Complaint of Pain	(HB) Human Bite	(ST) Sprain/Twists
(CO) Concussion	(LC) Lacerations	(UN) Unconscious
(DH) Death	(ND) Nerve Damage	(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(DI) Dislocation	(OD) Organ Damage	(NN) NONE

(AD) Abdomen	(FA) Face	(HI) Hip
(AK) Ankle	(FE) Feet	(IN) Internal
(AR) Arm	(FI) Fingers	(KN) Knees
(BK) Back	(GE) Genitals	(LE) Leg
(BT) Buttocks	(GR) Groin	(NK) Neck
(CH) Chest	(HD) Hands	(NO) Nose
(EL) Elbow	(HE) Head	(SH) Shoulder
		(WR) Wrist

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

**INCIDENT:** Use of Force, Skeletal Fracture (Right Arm)  
**IAB FILE NUMBERS:** FO2375204  
**URN#:** 015-00806-1731-339  
**DATE/TIME:** March 1, 2015, 1040 hours  
**LOCATION:** [REDACTED] Longhill Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes

**SYNOPSIS**

On March 1, 2015, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force and Shooting Response Team comprised of Lieutenant David Flores, Sergeant Eric Barron, and Sergeant Jesus Carrasco responded to Lomita Sheriff's Station regarding a use of force. The use of force resulted with the suspect sustaining a skeletal fracture to his right arm. Sergeant Barron was assigned the case.

On March 1, 2015, at approximately 1040 hours, Deputies Hoy, Castro, [REDACTED] and Sergeant [REDACTED] responded to a "keep the peace" call (Tag 44). Upon arrival, Deputy Hoy contacted Witnesses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Witness [REDACTED] stated he was Witness [REDACTED] attorney, and they were there to serve Witness [REDACTED] step son, Suspect Dejrit, with a move out order and restraining order. Witness [REDACTED] asked for police presence to keep the peace while he served Suspect Dejrit. Deputy Hoy explained to Witness [REDACTED] that he ([REDACTED]) would be the person to contact Suspect Dejrit.

Deputy Hoy had knowledge Suspect Dejrit had been detained for a 72 hour mental observation approximately one year prior to this incident. Based on his knowledge of Suspect Dejrit, he requested Sergeant [REDACTED] to respond to the call. He also requested Deputy Castro respond with a taser. Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] added themselves to the call.

After forming a plan, Deputy Hoy and Deputy Castro approached the front door with Witness [REDACTED]. Deputy [REDACTED] was a short distance behind. Deputy [REDACTED] and Sergeant [REDACTED] monitored the situation from the front yard area. As Witness [REDACTED] conversed with Suspect Dejrit on the porch, he (Dejrit) focused his attention toward Deputy Hoy, who was holding his gun behind his right thigh. Suspect Dejrit was agitated, had his hands clinched into fists and asked, "who

the fuck are you?" Deputy Hoy tried to build a rapport with Suspect Dejrit by telling him he (Hoy) had been to his house before.

Suspect Dejrit pointed at the deputies (simulating his hand was a gun), and said he was going to get his 9mm and shoot them. After holstering his gun, Deputy Hoy reached around Suspect Dejrit and closed the front door to prevent him from going back inside the house to possibly retrieve a gun or any other type of weapon. As Deputy Hoy closed the front door, Suspect Dejrit took a fighting stance and punched him three times in the chest. Deputy Hoy tried to grab Suspect Dejrit's right arm, but Suspect Dejrit pulled away, causing himself to lose his balance and fall to the tile porch, landing on his buttocks.

While on the ground, Suspect Dejrit did not submit to handcuffing. He twisted his body, kicked, tried to get up, and flailed his right arm while laying on his left arm. While flailing his right arm, he struck Deputy Hoy in the left eye with his right elbow. Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] maintained control of the suspect's legs by pinning them to the ground. Sergeant [REDACTED] went to the porch area to monitor the situation and also told the suspect to calm down. Deputy Hoy was able to grab a hold of Suspect Dejrit's right arm, and Deputy Castro handcuffed his right wrist. Deputy Castro positioned Suspect Dejrit's right arm behind his lower back, and maintained control of it there until she and Deputy Hoy were able to complete handcuffing.

Deputy Hoy used his body weight to prevent Suspect Dejrit from getting up by laying on the right side of his upper back. Deputies Hoy and Castro were able to get Suspect Dejrit's right hand behind his back, which enabled Deputy Castro to handcuff his right wrist. Deputy Hoy told Suspect Dejrit several times to calm down, stop fighting and give up his left arm. He also told him if he (Dejrit) stopped fighting, he (Hoy) would get off him. Suspect Dejrit said "okay," and Deputy Hoy began to ease his body weight off him.

Suspect Dejrit reacted by saying he was going to shoot and kill them, and again twisted his body. Deputy Hoy reacted by applying his body weight onto Suspect Dejrit's right rear rib cage area while Deputy Castro maintained control of his right hand behind his back. During the struggle, Suspect Dejrit rotated his right side in an upward motion against Deputy Hoy's body weight. Simultaneously, the deputies heard a loud pop, and Suspect Dejrit stated his arm was broken. Deputy Hoy was able to get Suspect Dejrit's left arm behind his back, which enabled him to be handcuffed.

Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine Company 106 responded at the request of Sergeant [REDACTED]. Suspect Dejrit was subsequently transported to Torrance Memorial Medical Center, where he was treated by Doctor Zinar. Doctor Zinar described the injury as a three piece fracture to the right humerus. He said these types of injuries are consistent with a fall or someone twisting their arm to break their fall, and not consistent with a direct blow or blunt force trauma.

**IAB Note:** During his interview with IAB investigators, Suspect Dejrit stated Deputy Hoy kicked his right arm, causing it to break. The involved personnel did not report kicking the suspect, nor did they report seeing him get kicked. Suspect Dejrit's allegation of being kicked was not substantiated by witness statements.

All the reports documenting the incident are submitted as [EXHIBIT A]. Photographs of the scene were submitted as [EXHIBIT B]. Sergeant [REDACTED] interviewed witnesses at the scene a short time after the incident. Those interviews were videotaped. A DVD containing the videotaped interviews by Sergeant [REDACTED] was submitted with this case as [EXHIBIT C]. The transcripts to those interviews are also included in this case. IAB investigators re-interviewed some of the witnesses, previously interviewed by Sergeant [REDACTED] to clarify some topics.

### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY**

**Todd Hoy**, Deputy Sheriff Bonus 1, # [REDACTED]  
South Patrol Division  
Lomita Station

#### **Work History**

Date of Employment:	April 10, 1996
Date Assigned to Lomita Station:	[REDACTED]
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[REDACTED]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	[REDACTED]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[REDACTED]

#### **Equipment Worn On Person**

Sam Browne, duty weapon, two magazines, two pairs of handcuffs, asp, radio, oleoresin capicum (OC) spray, taser.

**Ashley Castro**, Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
South Patrol Division  
Lomita Station

#### **Work History**

Date of Employment:	June 18, 2007
Date Assigned to Lomita Station:	[REDACTED]
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[REDACTED]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	[REDACTED]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[REDACTED]



### **Equipment Worn On Person**

Sally Browne, duty weapon, two magazines, two pairs of handcuffs, asp, radio, oleoresin capicum (OC) spray, taser.

[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
Countywide Services Division  
County Services Bureau

### **Work History**

Date of Employment: January 17, 2007  
Date Assigned to Lomita Station: [REDACTED]  
Date Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Prior Shooting incident(s): [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

### **Equipment Worn On Person**

Sam Browne, duty weapon, two magazines, two pairs of handcuffs, radio, oleoresin capicum (OC) spray.

[REDACTED], Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
South Patrol Division  
Lomita Station

### **Work History**

Date of Employment: November 29, 2001  
Date Assigned to Lomita Station: [REDACTED]  
Date Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Prior Shooting incident(s): [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

### **Equipment Worn On Person**

Sam Browne with service weapon, portable radio, oleoresin capicum (OC) spray, flashlight, two sets of handcuffs, two magazines, and a PR-24 baton (in radio car).

### **SUSPECT INFORMATION**

**Christopher Edwin Dejrit**

Male, Filipino, DOB: December 25, 1973, 5'07", 170 pounds

CII # [REDACTED] MAIN # [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED]

**IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Dejrit's criminal history is included in [EXHIBIT D].**

### **SUSPECT'S INJURIES**

Suspect Dejrit was treated at Torrance Memorial Medical Center under patient number 4954898. During this incident, he sustained a comminuted fracture (fracture in more than one area) to the midshaft of the right humerus. On March 3, 2015, IAB investigators spoke with Doctor Zinar, who treated Suspect Dejrit the day of the incident. Doctor Zinar described the injury to Suspect Dejrit's right humerus as a three piece fracture. He said this type of injury is consistent with a fall. He explained these types of injuries are seen when someone tries to break their fall, and they twist their arm. He also indicated this type of injury is not consistent with a direct blow or blunt force trauma.

On December 29, 2015, at 1640 hours and 1710 hours, IAB investigators re-contacted Doctor Zinar to clarify details regarding Suspect Dejrit's injury. IAB investigators explained the force reported, by the deputies, to Doctor Zinar. He indicated this injury could have occurred in one of two ways. Suspect Dejrit could have received a nondisplaced fracture (sometimes referred to as a hairline fracture), from his fall, and when his arm was placed behind his back in the handcuffing position during the struggle, it could have caused the fracture to become displaced (thus the popping sound). The second possibility would be his arm was twisted with such force, during handcuffing, that it caused the displaced fracture.

During their interview with Suspect Dejrit, IAB investigators noted slight redness to the top of his head, slight scratches to his left shoulder and forehead, and an approximate three inch bruise to the left side of his forehead. Suspect Dejrit signed an Authorization for Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information granting the Department to his medical paperwork from Torrance Memorial Medical Center. Photographs of Suspect Dejrit's injuries and medical paperwork are submitted as **[EXHIBIT E]**.

### **DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES**

Deputy Hoy sustained swelling over his left eyebrow from the elbow strike delivered by Suspect Dejrit. He did not seek medical attention for his injury, nor was it documented in an Employee Injury Report. Photographs depicting Deputy Hoy's injury was submitted as **[EXHIBIT F]**.

### **WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY HOY**

None. Control techniques only.

### **WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT DEJRIT**

Suspect Dejrit punched Deputy Hoy in the chest with his right fist, and struck him above his left eye with his (Dejrit's) right elbow.

### **PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT DEJRIT**

None.

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED**

The criminal investigation was handled by Lomita Station Detective Sonya Castaneda. On March 5, 2015, Suspect Dejrit was charged with three (3) felony counts of 69PC, three (3) felony counts of 422PC, and one (1) felony count of 243(C)(2) PC. On July 7, 2015, Suspect Dejrit plead Nolo Contendere to one (1) count of 69PC, and was found guilty. On July 8, 2015, Suspect Dejrit was released on his own recognizance, and has not appeared in court for his Sentence Hearing. On October 16, 2015, a \$30,000 Bench Warrant was issued.

### **LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The incident occurred during daylight hours. The weather was clear and cool, but it had recently rained.

### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS**

*The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed reports authored by the involved deputies and determined they were consistent with their IAB Administrative Force Review interviews.*

### **DEPUTY TODD HOY**

On October 23, 2015, Deputy Hoy was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Eric Barron and Daniel Martin. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Deputy Hoy was represented during the interview by Attorney Maureen Okwuosa, from the law firm of Green and Shinee. Following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Hoy said he went to [REDACTED] Longhill Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes in response to a "keep the peace" call for service. Upon his arrival, he contacted Witness [REDACTED]. Witness [REDACTED] stated he was there to serve Suspect Dejrit with a restraining order and move out order, on behalf of [REDACTED] (Suspect Dejrit's [REDACTED]). Deputy Hoy had a prior contact with Suspect Dejrit and knew

he was mentally unstable and partially paralyzed. Based on his prior knowledge of Suspect Dejrit, he requested Sergeant [REDACTED] and additional personnel.

The assisting personnel that responded were Deputies Castro, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. When the assisting personnel arrived, Deputy Hoy and Sergeant [REDACTED] briefed them with the plan. The plan was for Deputies Hoy and Castro to approach the front door with Witness [REDACTED]. Sergeant [REDACTED] and the other two deputies would monitor from a short distance away.

Witness [REDACTED] opened the front door and called for Suspect Dejrit. When Suspect Dejrit appeared, he was very agitated and said, "Who the fuck are you guys? What the fuck do you want?" Before Witness [REDACTED] could finish explaining why they were there, Suspect Dejrit focused his attention on Deputy Hoy, who was standing on the porch with his gun behind his right thigh. Suspect Dejrit asked him why he had his gun out. Deputy Hoy felt comfortable that Suspect Dejrit did not have any weapons on his person, so he re-holstered his gun. At about the time he was re-holstering, Suspect Dejrit, who was now in the threshold of the door, said he was going to get his nine millimeter and shoot them all.

Deputy Hoy reached around Suspect Dejrit to prevent him from retreating into the house to possibly arm himself. Suspect Dejrit reacted by punching Deputy Hoy in the chest. Deputy Hoy tried to grab Suspect Dejrit's arm, but he (Dejrit) pulled away, which caused him to slip and fall to the ground. Suspect Dejrit landed on the wet tile porch, and Deputy Hoy laid on his right rear shoulder area, using his body weight to control Suspect Dejrit. Deputy Hoy indicated Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] assisted by controlling Suspect Dejrit's legs; however, he did not know when they engaged in the struggle.

Suspect Dejrit struck Deputy Hoy in the left eye with his right elbow. Deputy Castro was able to handcuff his right arm and put it behind his back. Suspect Dejrit continued to yell, "This is police brutality. I'm going to kill you guys." While laying on Suspect Dejrit, Deputy Hoy continued to give verbal commands for him to calm down. Deputy Hoy told Suspect Dejrit he would get off him if he calmed down. Suspect Dejrit began to calm down, so Deputy Hoy started to get off him. Before Deputy Hoy was able to get all the way off him, Suspect Dejrit started to yell and thrash his body. Deputy Hoy reapplied his body weight; however, this time he was closer to Suspect Dejrit's waist/rib cage area. During the struggle, Suspect Dejrit twisted his upper body toward his right, causing his right shoulder to rotate upward, against Deputy Hoy's body weight. As Suspect Dejrit twisted his body, Deputy Hoy heard a "pop" and moments later, Suspect Dejrit said his arm was broken.

After hearing the "pop", Suspect Dejrit stopped fighting and Deputies Castro and Hoy were able to complete handcuffing him. Sergeant [REDACTED] requested medical aid over the radio and they escorted him to a radio car. Deputy Hoy estimated

thirty to forty seconds elapsed between the time when Suspect Dejrit punched him in the chest and the sound of the "pop".

### **DEPUTY ASHLY CASTRO**

On October 23, 2015, Deputy Castro was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Eric Barron and Daniel Martin. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Representing Deputy Castro during the interview was Attorney Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green and Shinee. Following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Castro said she went to the call for service in response to Deputy Hoy requesting a unit with a taser. Upon her arrival, Deputy Hoy briefed the assisting units about the nature of the call, and his knowledge of Suspect Dejrit. Deputy Hoy also explained the plan pertaining to the way they were going to handle the call. Sergeant [REDACTED] was present during the preplanning and gave input.

Deputy Castro remembered Witness [REDACTED] calling out to Suspect Dejrit from the porch. Suspect Dejrit came out onto the porch and was aggressive. Suspect Dejrit asked Deputy Hoy why he had his gun out. Deputy Hoy tried to build a rapport with the suspect and told him he was putting his gun away. Deputy Castro thought the situation was going to deescalate, but Suspect Dejrit threw a few punches at Deputy Hoy that missed.

After throwing the punches, Suspect Dejrit said he was going to get his gun and shoot the deputies. Deputy Hoy reached around the suspect and shut the front door. Suspect Dejrit reacted by punching Deputy Hoy two to three times in the chest. In the process of throwing the punches, Suspect Dejrit fell to the ground and landed in a seated position.

As Deputies Hoy and Castro moved toward Suspect Dejrit, he rotated onto his left side, pinning his left arm underneath him. Deputy Castro was able to handcuff his right arm and place it in the small of his back. Deputy Hoy positioned his body across Suspect Dejrit's back and used his body weight to control him. The suspect continued to yell. While on top of him, Deputy Hoy tried to calm Suspect Dejrit down and told him to give up his left arm. Sergeant [REDACTED] also told the suspect to calm down. Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] controlled the suspect's legs.

During the struggle, Suspect Dejrit suddenly rotated his right shoulder upward and backward. During that movement, Deputy Castro heard a "pop." Moments later, the suspect's body became less tense, and he said his arm was broken. Suspect Dejrit was subsequently handcuffed.

Deputy Hoy immediately told Sergeant [REDACTED] to request medical aid. Suspect Dejrit complied with their orders to stand up, and they escorted him to a radio car. Deputy Castro said she did not strike the suspect in any way, nor did she see any of the on-scene personnel do so. She estimated the time from the suspect punching Deputy Hoy to the time he was handcuffed, to be between thirty to forty five seconds.

#### DEPUTY [REDACTED]

On October 23, 2015, Deputy [REDACTED] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Eric Barron and Daniel Martin. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Representing Deputy [REDACTED] during the interview was Attorney Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green and Shinee. Following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy [REDACTED] said he added himself to the call because he was in the area at the time it was dispatched. Once Sergeant [REDACTED] and assisting personnel were there, Deputy Hoy briefed them on how the call was to be handled. Deputy Hoy told them he was familiar with Suspect Dejrit from a previous call, in which he was detained for a 5150 hold. Deputy Hoy did not want all the assisting deputies visible, but he wanted them nearby and out of view because their presence might agitate the suspect. The plan was for Deputies Hoy and Castro to approach the front door with Witness [REDACTED] and Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would be a short distance away along with Sergeant [REDACTED]. Deputy Hoy stated Witness [REDACTED] was going to serve the paperwork to Suspect Dejrit, and the deputies were there to simply keep the peace.

Witness [REDACTED] knocked on the front door, but there was no answer. He then opened the front door with a key, and Suspect Dejrit stepped onto the porch. Witness [REDACTED] started to explain why they were there, but was unable to finish his explanation because Suspect Dejrit became irritated, started cursing, and asked, "What the fuck are you guys doing here? Who the fuck called you guys?" Suspect Dejrit then said he had a nine millimeter handgun inside and was going to shoot and kill the deputies. Suspect Dejrit turned his body toward the front door, as if he was going to go back inside. Deputy Hoy moved toward the front door to close it or prevent Suspect Dejrit from entering the house.

Suspect Dejrit then punched Deputy Hoy in the chest, which caused him (Dejrit) to lose his balance and fall, landing on his back. Deputy Hoy used his body weight to keep him down and Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] pinned his legs to the ground, because he was trying to get up. He also noticed Deputy Castro had handcuffed the suspect's right arm.

Deputy [REDACTED] heard a loud "pop" and the suspect said, "You broke my fuckin' arm." He then heard the sound of the handcuffs being applied, and they were able to maneuver the suspect into a seated position. They escorted him to a radio car where paramedics treated him for his injury.

#### **DEPUTY [REDACTED]**

On October 23, 2015, Deputy [REDACTED] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Eric Barron and Daniel Martin. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Representing Deputy [REDACTED] during the interview was Attorney Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green and Shinee. Following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy [REDACTED] said upon his arrival at the call, Deputy Hoy briefed the on-scene personnel that they were simply there to keep the peace between Witness [REDACTED] and Suspect Dejrit. He said the plan was for Deputies Hoy, Castro and [REDACTED] to approach the front door with Witness [REDACTED]. He [REDACTED] was to stay a short distance away (approximately fifteen feet) with Sergeant [REDACTED].

Moments later, he heard loud voices and positioned himself so he could see the porch area. He saw Suspect Dejrit punch Deputy Hoy in the chest. Soon thereafter, he saw Suspect Dejrit fall. Deputy [REDACTED] approached and saw Suspect Dejrit flailing his legs. Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] used their hands to pin Suspect Dejrit's legs to the ground, in order to help control him; as Deputies Hoy and Castro tried to handcuff him.

Suspect Dejrit rotated and laid on his left side, which pinned his left arm underneath his body. Deputies Hoy and Castro were able to handcuff his right wrist. Deputy Hoy positioned his torso on Suspect Dejrit's shoulder and neck area to maintain control of him. Deputy [REDACTED] heard all of them telling Suspect Dejrit to relax and stop fighting.

Suspect Dejrit suddenly tried to get up and quickly went back down. When his body went downward, Deputy [REDACTED] heard a loud "pop". Immediately after the "pop", Suspect Dejrit relinquished his left arm. Deputy [REDACTED] did not strike the suspect in any fashion, nor did he see any of the involved personnel do so.

#### **SERGEANT [REDACTED]**

On October 28, 2015, Sergeant [REDACTED] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Eric Barron and Daniel Martin. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Sergeant [REDACTED] elected to interview without representation. Following is a summary of the interview:

Sergeant [REDACTED] said she was the Lomita Station field sergeant on March 1, 2015. She remembered Deputy Hoy requested her to respond to [REDACTED] Longhill Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes for a "keep the peace" call. Upon her arrival, Deputy Hoy explained to her that the informant (Witness [REDACTED]) was there to serve Suspect Dejrit with a restraining order and move out order, and requested deputy personnel to keep the peace in case the suspect became violent. Deputy Hoy also mentioned he had placed a [REDACTED] on Suspect Dejrit in the past.

When all the assisting deputies were present, she and Deputy Hoy devised a plan and briefed the deputies with their responsibilities. Deputies Hoy and Castro approached the front door with Witness [REDACTED]. Deputy [REDACTED] took a position near Deputy Castro, but out of view from the porch area. Deputy [REDACTED] and Sergeant [REDACTED] took a position approximately twenty feet away from the porch, near the garage.

When the informant made contact with the suspect, Sergeant [REDACTED] view was obstructed by Deputy Hoy and a parked car in the driveway. Initially, she could not hear what was being said, but as the situation escalated, she heard what she believed was an argument. As she began to walk toward the porch, she briefly diverted her attention toward Witness [REDACTED] who was on the sidewalk, and told him to step away. When she directed her attention back to the porch area, she noticed the deputies were on the ground with the suspect.

Upon reaching the porch area, she saw the suspect laying on his left side with his left hand underneath his body. Deputy Hoy was leaning on the suspect and using his hands to keep him on the ground. Deputy Castro was in the process of handcuffing the suspect's right hand. Suspect Dejrit was yelling, "police brutality" and saying he was going to sue them and kill them. Deputy Hoy was telling the suspect to comply and calm down and place his hands behind his back. Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were holding down the suspect's legs, because the suspect was trying to squirm away.

Deputy Castro moved Suspect Dejrit's right arm to his lower back area, and Deputy Hoy told the suspect they were going to release their grip so he could cooperate. The suspect rotated his body to his right, and Sergeant [REDACTED] heard a pop. The deputies were then able to handcuff his left wrist to his right wrist.

She did not see any of the deputies strike the suspect with impact weapons or personal weapons. She also did not feel the need to intervene, because Deputy Hoy was trying to de-escalate the situation by talking to the suspect in a mellow manner and asking him to stop resisting. She did not think it was necessary to direct force because the deputies were being more verbal than physical, and they were performing consistent with training and within policy. She estimated from the time she heard the argument on the porch, to the time the suspect was handcuffed, to be approximately three minutes. The force the deputies reported



to her was consistent with the written reports they submitted. Sergeant [REDACTED] requested medical aid for Suspect Dejrit using her mobile radio at 1043 hours.

**IAB Note:** Sergeant [REDACTED] radio traffic was transferred to CD and was included in this case as EXHIBIT G.

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### **NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESS STATEMENTS**

#### **WITNESS [REDACTED]**

Witness [REDACTED] was interviewed at the scene, shortly after the incident, by Sergeant [REDACTED] of Lomita Sheriff's Station. IAB Sergeant Barron re-contacted Witness [REDACTED] to clarify some topics.

Witness [REDACTED] said he went to the location to serve a civil restraining order and move out order to Suspect Dejrit. He called the Sheriff's Department to respond to keep the peace, because he was aware of prior threats that justified the move out order. Prior to approaching the front door, he explained to the deputies that he would be the person serving the court paperwork, and the deputies would simply keep the peace.

**IAB NOTE:** An audio file of Witness [REDACTED] call to the station, requesting a deputy to keep the peace, was transferred to a CD and submitted as EXHIBIT H.

Witness [REDACTED] said he opened the front door and called out for Suspect Dejrit. Suspect Dejrit came to the front door and was agitated. His hands were in fists, and he repeatedly asked "What the fuck are you doing here? Who the fuck are you?"

Deputy Hoy tried to de-escalate the situation by conversing with him in a friendly and caring manner. Suspect Dejrit asked Deputy Hoy, "Who the fuck are you? Why do you have your gun out?" He ([REDACTED]) noticed Deputy Hoy was holstering his weapon, at which time Suspect Dejrit came onto the porch and twice said, "I'm going to get my 9mm and shoot you in your fucking heads." As he told the deputies he was going to shoot them, he was pointing at them with his hand in the shape of a gun.

Deputy Hoy closed the front door and said, "That's not going to happen." Suspect Dejrit then punched Deputy Hoy in the chest and Witness [REDACTED] moved off the porch and onto the driveway. Witness [REDACTED] said Suspect Dejrit was unstable on the wet porch and slipped and fell. He did not think the deputy caused him to fall.

While Suspect Dejrit was on the ground, the deputies repeatedly told him to give up his hands while they were trying to handcuff him.

Sergeant [REDACTED] walked up to the area of the struggle and told Suspect Dejrit to calm down and that everything was going to be okay. Witness [REDACTED] did not see any deputy personnel hit or kick the suspect at any time.

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] was interviewed at the scene, shortly after the incident, by Sergeant [REDACTED] of Lomita Sheriff's Station. IAB Sergeant Barron re-contacted Witness [REDACTED] to clarify some topics.

Witness [REDACTED] stated he witnessed the incident from across the street. His view was obstructed by a car that was in the driveway; so he was only able to see the involved people from the waist up. He saw Suspect Dejrit emerge from the house. Moments later he heard Suspect Dejrit yelling and saw him throw a punch toward a deputy, as the deputy stepped in between Suspect Dejrit and the door.

The deputy tried to block the punch, and Suspect Dejrit lost his balance and fell to the ground. He was unable to see if Suspect Dejrit broke his fall because of his obstructed view. Once the struggle went to the ground, he could not see very well and did not recall seeing what happened. However, he remembered hearing deputies telling Suspect Dejrit to calm down and take it easy. He stated he did not see Suspect Dejrit get hit or kicked at any point during this incident.

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] was interviewed at the scene, shortly after the incident, by Sergeant [REDACTED] of Lomita Sheriff's Station.

Witness [REDACTED] said he saw the incident from across the street. He saw four deputies and a lawyer (Witness [REDACTED] approach the front door to Suspect Dejrit's home. The lawyer knocked on the front door, and a deputy told him to identify himself. The front door opened, and he saw the lawyer give some paperwork to Suspect Dejrit. He could not hear what was being said, but the lawyer moved behind the deputies, and Suspect Dejrit came out onto the porch. Suspect Dejrit started to threaten the deputies and tried to get back into the house. Deputy Hoy shut the front door, and Suspect Dejrit reacted by punching Deputy Hoy. Suspect Dejrit fell to the ground and resisted the deputies' efforts to handcuff him. Witness [REDACTED] heard Suspect Dejrit tell the deputies, "I'm gonna kill you. I'm gonna sue you; you broke my arm." While on the ground, he saw Suspect Dejrit throw punches and kick at the deputies. He also mentioned, at some point during the incident, Suspect Dejrit pointed at the deputies with his hand, simulating his hand was a gun.

On January 5, 2016, at 1515 hours, IAB Sergeant Eric Barron contacted Witness [REDACTED] via telephone to ask him some follow up questions. Sergeant Barron explained he was conducting an administrative review of the incident and wanted to ask him approximately nine follow up questions pertaining to his first interview with Sergeant [REDACTED]. Witness [REDACTED] was reluctant and indicated he did not know what side Sergeant Barron was on. Sergeant Barron explained the administrative review pertained to the tactics and actions of the Department's personnel involved in this incident. Witness [REDACTED] became increasingly upset during their conversation and told Sergeant Barron to call him back tomorrow after he ( [REDACTED] ) did some homework. The conversation ended with Witness [REDACTED] saying he was upset with the way the incident "went down", and he did not want to participate in a second interview.

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] was interviewed shortly after the incident, at the scene, by Sergeant [REDACTED] of Lomita Sheriff's Station. She stated she saw Suspect Dejrit open the door, wearing his underwear, and then she walked away. When Suspect Dejrit was in the backseat of a patrol car, she heard him threaten to kill the deputies.

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] was interviewed at the scene, shortly after the incident, by Sergeant [REDACTED] of Lomita Sheriff's Station. Witness [REDACTED] indicated he did not see what happened. He lives with Suspect Dejrit, but he was in his room, watching a movie, when the incident occurred.

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] was interviewed at the scene, shortly after the incident, by Sergeant [REDACTED] of Lomita Sheriff's Station. IAB investigators attempted to contact Witness [REDACTED] to clarify some topics, from his interview with Sergeant [REDACTED]. Upon submission of this case, Witness [REDACTED] had not returned a call to the IAB offices.

Witness [REDACTED] stated he was twenty feet away from the porch area when the incident occurred. He said he saw Witness [REDACTED] open the front door and call Suspect Dejrit's name. Suspect Dejrit came out to the porch, and he appeared irate. He was also shaking, cursing and yelling. Witness [REDACTED] backed away and left Suspect Dejrit standing on the porch in front of the four deputies. The suspect punched Deputy Hoy twice in the chest while he continued to scream and curse.

Suspect Dejrit then lost his balance and fell backward, landing on his back. While on the ground, Suspect Dejrit yelled, "I'm going to kill you." The deputies then handcuffed him and called the Fire Department.

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] was interviewed at the scene, shortly after the incident, by Sergeant [REDACTED] of Lomita Sheriff's Station. On December 2, 2015, IAB Sergeant Barron re-contacted Witness [REDACTED] to clarify some topics.

Witness [REDACTED] said he saw some of the incident from across the street, but could not hear what was said because he has difficulty hearing. He saw his lawyer (Witness [REDACTED]) and the deputies approach the front door of the house. The front door opened, and Suspect Dejrit raised his hand as if he was going to start to swing at the deputy, but he was unable to see if he swung or not. He was unable to determine if Suspect Dejrit struck a deputy, because his view was obstructed by the other deputies.

Witness [REDACTED] saw Suspect Dejrit fall to the ground, but did not see what caused him to fall or how he landed. Once Suspect Dejrit fell to the ground, he did not hear what was said, or see what occurred. He did not see the deputies hit or kick the suspect during this incident.

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] was interviewed at the scene, shortly after the incident, by Sergeant [REDACTED] of Lomita Sheriff's Station. On December 2, 2015, IAB Sergeant Barron re-contacted Witness [REDACTED] to clarify some topics.

Witness [REDACTED] made her observations while standing directly across the street from the front door of [REDACTED] Longhill Drive. She saw Witness [REDACTED] knock on the front door, and Suspect Dejrit came out of the house. While on the porch, she saw Suspect Dejrit was enraged, and he threw punches toward the deputy. He then formed his hand in the shape of a gun, while he yelled and displayed erratic behavior.

Suspect Dejrit "swung" at the deputy, but missed. He then fell, but she did not see what caused him to fall. She attributed his fall to losing his balance and not to the actions of the deputies. Up to this point in the incident, her view was unobstructed.

Witness [REDACTED] then turned her back to the incident. The next thing she remembered seeing was Suspect Dejrit being uncooperative on the ground. She saw him "wiggling" around and the deputies trying to get his hands behind his back. Once he was handcuffed, he laid belly down on the cement. After the altercation went to the ground, her view was slightly obstructed by a car in the driveway. However, she said she absolutely did not see any of the deputies punch or kick Suspect Dejrit.

*The following narrative is intended only as a synopsis of the interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview and verbatim transcription.*

## **SUSPECT STATEMENT**

### **SUSPECT CHRISTOPHER DEJRIT**

On March 1, 2015, Suspect Dejrit was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Eric Barron and Jesus Carrasco. The interview was conducted in Room 6127 at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. Following is a summary of the interview:

Suspect Dejrit said he awoke when he heard knocking on his front door. From his hallway, he saw deputies inside his house, and Deputy Hoy was pointing his gun at him. Deputy Hoy then dragged him, onto the porch, from inside the house, by grabbing the back of his neck. Initially, Suspect Dejrit stated Deputy Hoy pointed his gun at him. Later in the interview, he stated Deputy Hoy pointed his gun at a forty five degree angle, toward the floor, for approximately two seconds, while looking at him. When he noticed Deputy Hoy had his gun out, Suspect Dejrit stated he might as well get a gun and shoot them (referring to the deputies). He also remembered he said he might as well kill himself. He said the deputies might have interpreted that as he was going to "take everyone out", because sometimes he does not speak clearly.

**IAB Note: Suspect Dejrit called 9-1-1 and the Lomita Sheriff Station business line prior to his contact with deputy personnel. A CD, containing both phone calls, was submitted as EXHIBIT G. In essence, Suspect Dejrit asked station desk personnel why there were deputies outside his house. He called 9-1-1 at 1020 hours, and the station business line at 1023 hours.**

While on the porch, Suspect Dejrit fell twice. Initially, he attributed the falls to losing his balance. After he fell the first time, he said no one helped him get up. During the first fall, he fell straight back and landed on his "butt" in a seated position. As he fell, he stretched out his right arm, which caused him to push Deputy Hoy's chest. He used his right arm to break his fall, and his right elbow impacted the ground. His right elbow struck the ground with enough force to cause his right shoulder to jerk upward. He felt slight pain, in his elbow, from the impact of the fall, but managed to get up on his own.

Moments later, he tried to go back into the house to get his sandals. He claimed Deputy Hoy grabbed both his shoulders, from behind, and slammed him against the door frame. This caused the left side of his body and the left side of his head to strike the door frame. He fell and landed on his forearms to break his fall. While he (Dejrit) was on the ground, Deputy Hoy kicked his arm causing it to

break. He also claimed Deputy Hoy kicked him with his knee in the kidneys, elbowed him on the back of his head and neck, hit his leg and shoulder, and put all his weight on his back making it difficult for him to breathe.

He said he was not hit with any weapons; however, one deputy had a hold of his legs, and another was trying to grab his left arm. Deputy Hoy handcuffed his right arm behind his back after it had been broken, and an unknown deputy gained control of his left arm. The unknown deputy gave his left arm to Deputy Hoy, who handcuffed it to his right wrist. He was then escorted to a patrol car and eventually taken to the hospital via ambulance.

Sergeants Jacqueline [REDACTED] and Travis Morrow, of Lomita Sheriff's Station, also conducted a videotaped interview of Suspect Dejrit at the hospital, the day of the incident. In essence, he conveyed the same facts. Transcripts of that interview were included in this case along with a DVD containing their videotaped interview [EXHIBIT I].